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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Biographical Note

Jesse Matlock Lee was born January 2, 1843 in Putnam County, Indiana to John and Effie Lee. He married Lucy Wood Hathaway on December 23, 1868 and they had one daughter, Maude (1870-1852). Lucy was born on October 9, 1844 at Greencastle, Indiana to Russell and Mary Wood Hathaway. In November, 1861, Jesse enlisted in Company B, 59th Indiana Volunteer Infantry as a private and commissary sergeant. He was promoted to second lieutenant in 1862, first lieutenant in 1863, and mustered out of service with the rank of captain in July, 1865. He joined the regular army in July, 1866 as a second lieutenant and by the time of his retirement on January 2, 1907 he had achieved the rank of major general. Besides the Civil War, General Lee served in the Indian Campaigns in the west, the Spanish-American War, the Philippine Insurrection, and the Boxer Rebellion in China. General Lee died on March 26, 1926 and Lucy on June 29, 1938. Both are buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Sources:

Information found within collection.

Ancestry.com. "Jesse M Lee." *U.S. Select Military Registers, 1862-1985*. Accessed March 16, 2017. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. "Jesse Matlock Lee." *North America Family Histories, 1500-2000*. Accessed March 16, 2017. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. "Lucy Wood Lee." *Califronia, San Francisco Area Funeral Home Records, 1895-1985*. Accessed March 16, 2017. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

"End Comes to Major General Jesse M. Lee." *Greencastle Herald* (IN), March 27, 1926.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains typewritten copies of letters sent by Lucy W. Lee to the editor of the *Greencastle Star* (Indiana) newspaper regarding her experiences living at Camp Robinson and Camp Sheridan in Nebraska with her husband, Jesse M. Lee, a first lieutenant with the army, from 1874-1877. Through her letters, Lucy describes the two camps and the Native Americans living near the posts and those that were "induced to come into the agencies and behave themselves". She also recounts witnessing the "Omaha Dance", "Squaw dance", and the "sun-dance" and gives a detailed account of the death of the Oglala Sioux Indiana chief, Crazy Horse.

The collection also includes typewritten copies of newspaper articles about General Jesse M. Lee and his military experiences. Ranging from 1895 to 1907, the copied articles include a biography of Lee when he was an Indian agent; reprints of letters he wrote to his wife and to the wife of Lieutenant Louis B.

Lawton about the Battle of Tientsin during the Boxer Rebellion; General Lee's praise for General Henry W. Lawton and his response to a comment made by Senator Beveridge that one of General Lawton's staff was a "chattering coward".

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Camp Sheridan (Neb.).
- Fort Robinson (Neb.).
- Oglala Sioux Tribe.
- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 59th (1862-1865).
- United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Red Cloud Agency.
- United States. Office of Indian Affairs. Spotted Tail Agency.

Personal Name(s)

- Crazy Horse, approximately 1842-1877
- Crook, General (George), 1829-1890
- Lawton, Louis B., 1872-1949
- Lee, Jesse, 1843-1926

Subject(s)

- Native Americans